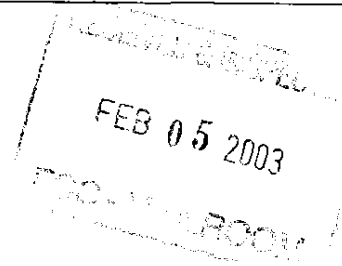


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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to encourage your approval of Qwest's application to the Federal Communications Commission to offer long distance services in Oregon. The Salem Chamber of Commerce serves area businesses and the community to help keep Salem a place where business can prosper and families can live, work, play and shop. We advocate for and support a free and open competitive enterprise system.

Consequently, approval of Qwest's long distance application in Oregon makes sense in light of your approval of Qwest's request in nine other states in the west and the fact that local competition could result in the delivery of better service and lower prices.

We encourage your timely review and support of the application that was filed January 15th. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael T. McLaran
Executive Director

MTM/scf

cc: Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
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